



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 918***

LCO No. 3176



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF VETERINARIANS WHEN  
PRESCRIBING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) Prior to or  
2       simultaneous with the direct dispensation of a drug to the owner of an  
3       animal, any veterinarian shall undertake a review of each drug  
4       dispensed to such owner by such veterinarian. The review shall  
5       include screening for potential drug therapy problems due to  
6       therapeutic duplication, a contraindication between a drug and a  
7       disease, the interaction of one drug with another drug, incorrect drug  
8       dosage or duration of drug treatment, the interaction of a drug and an  
9       allergy, and any other significant clinical issues relating to the  
10      appropriate use of such drug. Such review shall be based upon  
11      standards that are current as of the date of such review.

12      (b) Prior to or simultaneous with the direct dispensation of a drug to  
13      the owner of an animal, any veterinarian shall discuss with such owner  
14      the drug to be dispensed and shall counsel the owner on the usage of  
15      such drug. The discussion and counseling offered in accordance with  
16      this subsection shall include information deemed significant by such

17 veterinarian based upon such veterinarian's professional judgment and  
18 the findings of the review conducted in accordance with subsection (a)  
19 of this section, including (1) the name and description of the drug; (2)  
20 dosage form, dosage, route of administration and duration of drug  
21 therapy; (3) special directions and precautions for preparation,  
22 administration and use by the owner of the animal; (4) common severe  
23 side or adverse effects or interactions and therapeutic  
24 contraindications or precautions that such veterinarian deems relevant;  
25 (5) proper storage of such drug; (6) prescription refill information; and  
26 (7) action to be taken in the event of a missed dose or adverse reaction.

27 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any  
28 veterinarian to provide counseling and information when the owner of  
29 such animal refuses such counseling and information.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |             |
| Section 1   | <i>October 1, 2013</i> | New section |

***ENV***      *Joint Favorable*

***PH***        *Joint Favorable*